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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your letter, dated April 21, 2005, to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, concerning the legislation passed by the State of Georgia's General Assembly on March 31, 2005. We are sending a similar response to the 21 other co-signatories of your letter.

We are reviewing the State's submission that the Attorney General received on June 13, 2005. Thus, the sixty-day review period during which the Attorney General must make a determination or request any items of additional information deemed necessary, ends on August 12, 2005.

We appreciate the information that you provided regarding the legislation. We will incorporate that information, along with all of the other information that we receive from other interested parties, as we conduct our analysis of the proposed change. In that regard, we can assure you that this Department is committed to the aggressive enforcement of all civil rights laws, particularly the Voting Rights Act.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Chairman